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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Shape coefficients SF-1 and SF-2 are sphericity factors for the present invention, which are measured as follows. An S-4200 field emission scanning electron microscope (Hitachi Ltd.) is used to obtain SEM images of toner particles. Then, 300 images are randomly selected, and the information of the images is introduced to a Luzex AP image analyzer (Nireco Corporation) through an interface and analyzed by the device. Then, using the following formulae, SF-1 and SF-2 are defined. It is preferred that SF-1 and SF-2 are measured using a Luzex analyzer, but as far as the same analysis can be made, devices being used are not limited to the above-mentioned FESEM and image analyzer.

SF-1 =
$$(L2 L^2/A) \times (\Pi/4) \times 100$$

$$SF-1 = (P2 P^2/A) \times (\Pi/4) \times 100$$

where "L" is the absolute maximum length of a toner particle, "A" is the projected area of a toner, and "P" is the maximum perimeter of a toner.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 37, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Specific examples are Bontron BONTRON 03 as the negrosine dye, Bontron BONTRON P-51 as the quaternary ammonium salt, Bontron BONTRON S-34 as the alloy metal azo dye, oxynaphthoic acid metal complex E-82, the salicylic acid metal complex E-84, the phenolic condensate E-89 (available from Orient Chemical Industries), the quaternary ammonium salt molybdenum complexes TP-302, TP-415 (available from Hodogaya Chemical Industries), the quaternary ammonium salt Copy Charge PSY VP2038, the triphenylmethane derivative Copy Blue PR, the quaternary ammonium salts Copy Charge

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NEG VP2036 and Copy Charge NX VP434 (available from Hoechst), LRA-901, LR-147 as the boron complex (available from Japan Carlit Co., Ltd.), copper phthalocyanine, perylene, quinacridone, azo pigments, and other polymer compounds containing a functional groups such as sulfonic acid group, carboxyl group, quaternary ammonium salt, and the like.